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1. WHAT FOLLOWS CONSTITUTES PRELIMINARY REPLY TO REFTEL. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS COMMITTEE HELD SECOND MEETING JANUARY 29 IN MILWAUKEE PRIMARILY TO CONSIDER VENICE SITUATION.

2. COMMITTEE UNDERSCORED ITS DETERMINATION TO TAKE ON MATTER OF MOUNTING EXHIBITION FOR VENICE, NOTWITHSTANDING PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES AND SHORTNESS OF TIME. ASSURANCES FROM VB AUTHORITIES ON SECURITY AND UNDERTAKING BY EMBASSY TO FUND RENOVATION OF PAVILION AS REPORTED REFTEL WERE DEEMED SUFFICIENT TO MEET CONDITIONS PRECEDENT RAISED AT FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING AND REPORTED IN STATE 2644. COMMITTEE ALSO SHARES EMBASSY VIEW THAT
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PUBLIC SECTOR GUIDANCE IS NECESSARY TO U.S. PARTICIPATION.

3. VARIOUS EXHIBITION POSSIBILITIES WERE PRESENTED TO GROUP; SINCE ALL WERE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY ACCEPTABLE,

THEY WERE PUT IN PRIORITY ORDER. FIRST CHOICE OF GROUP (A RETROSPECTIVE OF DISTINGUISHED, ESTABLISHED ARTIST) HAS SINCE BEEN PUT ASIDE, SINCE ARTIST (AS COMMITTEE ANTICIPATED) HAS DECLINED TO TAKE PART. COMMITTEE IS NOW WORKING ON POSSIBILITIES FOR SECOND CHOICE, A GROUP SHOW OF FIVE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF CURRENT TRENDS IN AMERICAN ART, SELECTED BY THREE CRITICS. KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE THOUGHT BOTH ARTISTS AND CRITICS GOOD CHOICES.

4. THIS SHOW NOW SCHEDULED FOR UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS/AMHERST FOR APRIL 10-MAY 23. SPONSORS HAVE INDICATED IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ADVANCE CLOSING DATE, PERHAPS TO MAY 9. IN ANY EVENT, PACKING UP AND REINSTALLING IN VENICE BY MAY 15 WOULD BE VERY TIGHT AT BEST. SOME WORKS ARE SUCH THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE RECREATED BY ARTISTS ON THE SPOT IN ANY CASE. THUS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY OF OVERSHOOTING CURRENT VB DEADLINE MUST BE CONSIDERED.

5. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK ON THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS, SUCH AS PROSPECTS FOR FUNDING. POST WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS PROGRESS IS MADE.

6. NEXT MEETING OF FULL COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY SET FOR FEBRUARY 26, WHICH IS INTERESTING INDICATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' CONCERN AND ENTHUSIASM, SINCE ONLY FOUR MEETINGS PER YEAR ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED, AND THIS THIRD IN TWO MONTHS. INGERSOLL

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